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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MBFR IN NATO SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE

1. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON
THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT NATO SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE
PUTTING FORWARD THE UK MBFR PROPOSAL.

2. WE THINK THAT IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT THE UK PROPOSAL
WOULD FAVORABLY INFLUENCE CONTENT OF PENDING EASTERN RESPONSE.
ON THE OTHER HAND, MAKING THE PROPOSAL MAY WELL DELAY EASTERN
RESPONSE TO WEST'S APRIL INITIATIVE WHILE EAST CONSIDERS
ITS REACTION TO PROPOSAL FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING. IF THE EAST
DECIDES TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR MINISTERIAL SESSION, EAST
MAY HOLD BACK A PORTION OF ITS RESPONSE TO INITIATIVE FOR POSSIBLE
MINISTERIAL MEETING. IF EAST DECIDES TO TAKE A MORE NEGATIVE
OR NEUTRAL POSTURE TOWARD PROPOSED MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING,
EAST MAY PUBLICLY ATTACK WESTERN INITIATIVE AS INADEQUATE
BASIS FOR SUCH A MEETING.

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3. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL, IF
PROPOSAL FOR A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IS TO HAVE ANY
POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE EASTERN POSITION, THAT THE LANGUAGE OF
THE COMMUNIQUE ITSELF MAKE CLEAR THAT CLARIFICATION OF THE DATA
ISSUE IS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR HOLDING SUCH A MEETING.
INCLUSION OF THIS POINT IN COMMUNIQUE WILL AT LEAST MAKE

CLEAR TO EAST IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS ON DATA ISSUE. THEREFORE,
WE STRONGLY URGE THAT US INSIST THAT COMMUNIQUE MAKE THIS
POINT SPECIFIC. FRG WORDING IN PARA 2 DOES THIS ADEQUATELY
AND SHOULD BE RETAINED.

4. OF THE TWO VERSIONS OF PARA 3, WE PREFER BELGIAN VERSION,
OMITTING WORD QUOTE RAPID UNQUOTE. WITH THIS OMISSION,
BELGIAN VERSION ESTABLISHES A MORE REALISTIC STANDARD FOR
HOLDING A MINISTERIAL SESSION.RESOR

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